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bang¹ • bargain

To hit or move with a loud noise. 2 To bump < banged her elbow > -adv. Exactly; precisely.
bang² (bāng) *n.* often *bangs*. A fringe of hair cut short, esp. across the forehead.
Bang-kok (bāng'kōk', bāng'kōk'). Cap. of Thailand, in the SW. Pop. 4,178,000.
Bang-gia-deah (bāng'glo-dēh). Country of S Asia. Cap. Dacca. Pop. 88,700,000.
bang-ye (bāng'yē) *n.* 1 A rigid bracelet or anklet, esp. one with no clasp. 2 An ornament that hangs from a necklace.
Bang-gui (bāng'gē'). Cap. of Central African Republic. Pop. 187,000.
bang-up (bāng'up) *adj.* Informal. Excellent < a bang-up party >
ban-ish (bān'ish) *v.* 1 To oblige to leave a country: exile. 2 To drive away; expel. *ways:* DEPORT, EXILE, EXPATRIATE, EXPEL, OR TRACCE -ban'ish-ment *n.*
ban-ister also **ban-nis-ter** (bān'is-tēr) *n.* 1 A baluster. 2 The handrail of a staircase.
ban-jo (bān'jō) *n.* pl. -joes or -joes. A fretted stringed instrument with a narrow neck, a hollow circular body, and often 6 strings. -ban'jo-ist *n.*
Ban-jul (bān'jōl', bān'jōl). Cap. of Gambia, at the mouth of the Gambia R.
bank¹ (bānk) *n.* 1 A piled-up mass, as of earth or snow. 2 A slope of land adjoining a body of water, as a river. 3 An elevation of the sea floor. 4 The sideways slope of a surface on a curve or of a motor vehicle rounding a curve. -v. 1 To border or protect with a bank. 2 To pile up in a bank. 3 To cover (a fire) with ashes or fuel for slow burning. 4 To construct (a curve) with a slope rising to the outside edge. 5 To tilt (an aircraft) laterally in flight.
bank² (bānk) *n.* 1 An establishment that performs financial transactions such as receiving, investing, and lending money. 2 A supply of or storage place for something desired or needed < a blood bank > -v. 1 To deposit (money) in a bank. 2 To transact business with a bank. 3 To operate a bank. -bank'er *n.*
bank³ (bānk) *n.* 1 A group of things arranged in a row < a bank of elevators > 2 A row of cars.
bank-book (bānk'book') *n.* The depositor's book in which a bank enters deposits and withdrawals.
bank note *n.* A note issued by an authorized bank and acceptable as money.
bank-roll (bānk'rōl') *n.* Informal. A person's ready cash; funds.
bank-rupt (bānk'rūpt', -rēpt) *n.* A debtor who is judged legally insolvent and whose remaining property is administered for or divided among the creditors. -adj. 1 Financially ruined, esp. legally declared bankrupt. 2 Depleted or destitute < bankrupt of compassion > -bank'rūpt' *v.* -bank'rūpt'sy *n.*
ban-ner (bān'ēr) *n.* 1 A piece of cloth attached to a staff and used as a standard by a monarch or commander. 2 A flag. -adj. Unusually good; outstanding.
ban-nock (bān'ok) *n.* A usu. unleavened griddlecake made of oatmeal or barley.
ban-ns (bānz) *pl.n.* An announcement, esp. in church, of a forthcoming marriage.
ban-quet (bāng'kwit) *n.* 1 An elaborate feast. 2 A ceremonial dinner. -v. To entertain at or partake of a banquet.
ban-quette (bāng'kēt') *n.* 1 A platform lining a trench or parapet wall for guns or gunners. 2 S U.S. A sidewalk. 3 A long upholstered seat against or built into a wall.
ban-shue (bān'shē) *n.* A female spirit in Gaelic folklore whose wailing warns of a death in a family.
ban-tam (bān'tam) *n.* 1 One of a breed of small domestic fowl. 2 A small but aggressive person. -ban'tam *adj.*
ban-ter (bān'tēr) *n.* Goodhumored, teasing conversation. -v. To engage or indulge in banter.
ban-ting (bān'ting) *n.* A young child.
ban-yan (bān'yan) *n.* A tropical tree, *Ficus benghalensis*, with many aerial roots that grow downward to form additional trunks.
ban-zai (bān-zī) *n.* A Japanese battle cry or cheer.
ba-rah-bab (bā'rah-bāb', bān'-) *n.* A tree, *Adansonia digitata*, of tropical Africa, with a trunk up to 30 ft in diameter and hard-shelled fleshy fruit.
bap-tism (bāp'tiz'm) *n.* 1 A Christian sacrament of spiritual rebirth symbolized by the ritual application of water. 2 An ordeal by which one is initiated. -bap'tis'mal *adj.*
Bap-tist (bāp'tist) *n.* A member of a Protestant denomination that practices baptism by immersion.
bap-tis-try also **bap-tis-try** (bāp'tis'trē) *n.* pl. -tries also -tries. A place, esp. a part of a church, where the ceremony of baptism is performed.

bap-tize (bāp'tiz', bāp'tīz') *v.* -tized, -tizing. 1 To sprinkle with or immerse in water during baptism. 2 To initiate. 3 To christen. -bap'tis'ter *n.*
bar (bār) *n.* 1 A rather long, rigid piece of solid material used esp. as a fastener or support. 2 A solid block of a substance < a bar of soap > 3 An obstacle; barrier. 4 A long, narrow marking as a stripe. 5 a. The railing in a courtroom enclosing the area where the lawyers and defendants sit. b. A system of law courts. c. The legal profession. 6 Mus. A vertical line that divides a staff into equal measures. 7 a. A counter where drinks are served. b. A place with such a counter. -v. *barred, barring*. 1 To fasten with or as if with bars. 2 To prohibit; forbid. 3 To keep out; exclude. -*prep.* Except for; excluding
bar *abbr.* 1 barometer, barometric, 2 barrel
barb (bārb) *n.* 1 A sharp backward-pointing projection, as on an arrow. 2 A curling remark. 3 Bot. A hooked bristle or hairlike projection. -barbed *adj.*
Bar-ba-dos (bār-bā'dōz, -dōs') island country of E West Indies. Cap. Bridgetown. Pop. 283,141. -Bar-bā'dōs *adj.* & *n.*
bar-bar-i-an (bār-bā'rē-ān) *n.* 1 A member of a people or culture thought of as being primitive, uncivilized, or savage. 2 A fierce or cruel person. 3 A person lacking in culture; boor. -bar-bar'i-an *adj.* -bar-bar'i-an-ism *n.*
bar-bar-ic (bār-bā'rē-ik) *adj.* 1 Of, relating to, or characteristic of barbarians. 2 Crude in taste, style, or behavior.
bar-bar-ism (bār-bā'rē-iz'm) *n.* 1 An act, custom, or trait marked by coarseness or brutality. 2 A word or form felt to be nonstandard or incorrect in a language.
bar-bar-ous (bār-bā'rōs) *adj.* 1 Uncivilized; primitive. 2 Cruel; savage. 3 Uncultured or unrefined, esp. in the use of linguistic forms. -bar-bar'i-ty (bār-bā'rē-ē-tē) *n.* -bar-bar-ous-ly *adv.*
Bar-ba-ry (bār-bā'rē) Region of N Africa on the Barbary Coast, stretching from Egypt's W border to the Atlantic.
bar-be-cue (bār'bē-kyōō) *n.* 1 A pit or outdoor fireplace for broiling or roasting meat. 2 a. A whole animal roasted over a fire. b. A usu. outdoor social gathering at which food is prepared in this way. -v. -v. -cued, -cuing. To roast (meat) over live coals or an open fire.
barbed wire *n.* Fence wire with barbs at regular intervals.
bar-bel (bār'bēl) *n.* One of the slender, whiskerlike sensory organs on the head of certain fishes, as catfish.
bar-bell (bār'bēl') *n.* A bar with weights at each end, lifted for exercise.
bar-ber (bār'bēr) *n.* One who cuts hair and shaves or trims beards as an occupation. -bar'ber *v.*
bar-berry (bār'bērē) *n.* A spiny shrub of the genus *Berberis* with small orange or red berries.
bar-ber-shop (bār'bēr-ship') *n.* A barber's place of business. -adj. Of, consisting of, or relating to the performance of sentimental songs in 4-part harmony.
bar-bi-can (bār'bī-kon) *n.* An outdoor defensive fortification.
bar-bi-tal (bār'bī-tēl') *n.* An additive crystalline compound used as a sedative.
bar-bi-tu-rate (bār'bīch'ōr-ēt, -tēr') *n.* A barbituric acid derivative used as a sedative or hypnotic.
bar-bi-tu-ric acid (bār'bī-tōō'rē-ik, -tōōr-ē) *n.* An organic acid used in making barbiturates and some plastics.
bar-ca-rol also **bar-ca-rolle** (bār'kō-rēl') *n.* A song of a Venetian gondolier.
Bar-ce-lo-na (bār'sē-lō-nā) City of NE Spain. Pop. 1,902,718.
bard (bārd) *n.* An exalted national poet. -bard'ic *adj.*
bare (bār) *adj.* *barer, barer*. 1 Without clothing; naked. 2 Exposed to view; unconcealed. 3 Without addition or decoration; plain. 4 Just sufficient; mere. *ways:* BARE, NAKED, NUDE -v. *bared, baring.* To reveal. -bare'ness *n.*
bare-back (bār'bāk') *adv.* & *adj.* On an animal, as a horse, without a saddle.
bare-faced (bār'fāst') *adj.* 1 Having no covering, esp. no beard, on the face. 2 Open and brazen < a bare-faced lie >
bare-foot (bār'fōt') also **bare-foot-ed** (-fōt'ēd) *adj.* & *adv.* Without covering on the feet.
bare-hand-ed (bār'hān'ēd) *adj.* & *adv.* 1 Without covering on the hands. 2 Without the aid of tools or weapons.
bare-head-ed (bār'hēd'ēd) *adj.* & *adv.* With no covering on the head.
bare-leg-ged (bār'lēg'ēd, -lēgd') *adj.* & *adv.* With no covering over the legs.
bare-ly (bār'lē) *adv.* 1 By a very little; scarcely < barely enough to eat > 2 In a scanty manner; sparsely.
barf (bārf) *v.* Slang. To vomit.
bar-gain (bār'gān) *n.* 1 An agreement or contract, esp. one pertaining to the sale and purchase of goods or services. 2 Something acquired at a price advantageous to the buyer. -v. 1 To

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